

real or if there were no will but our own.

If we say we know him we must walk even as he walked; so shall we truly be members of the royal family of the kingdom. The Christ's joy is for all. May our society help to spread it. May young and old take part in the meeting and in the practical things which all can do as Jesus would to help the world along.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT.

Our Royal Brother.

1. Who spoke of our royal brother first, Gen. 3: 15; Luke 24: 25-27.
2. When he came, Gal. 4: 4.
3. Why he came, Luke 19: 10; John 10: 10.
4. To whom he came, John 1: 11.
5. What he did, Acts 10: 38; Matt. 8: 17.
6. How he leaves, Heb. 5: 8.
7. Some things he said, Matt. 6: 33; Matt. 5: 48; John 14: 6.
8. What men did, Acts 5: 30.
9. What he is doing now, Heb. 7: 25; John 14: 2.
10. Where he is now, Matt. 28: 20; John 16: 10.
11. Something he left us, John 14: 27.
12. What he left us to do, Matt. 28: 19.
13. What he promised, John 16: 7; Matt. 28: 20.
14. Joint heirs with him, Rom. 8: 17.
15. What his life means to us, John 1: 12; 14: 19.

QUESTIONS.

8. Why did Christ's coming mean joy and peace to the world?
2. What is meant by "fulness of time" in Gal. 4: 4?
3. Why may we call Jesus our brother?
4. What obligation does being a "brother" to Jesus involve?
5. Why do we give gifts on Christmas?
6. To whom should we give presents on Christmas?
7. Is it an honor to confess our royal brother? If so why are we so slow to do it often?
8. How can we help all the world to have the joy of the Savior, our royal brother?

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THE HEAVENLY RECORD Luke 10: 20; Rev. 3: 1, 5

Topic, Dec. 31. (A New Year's Meeting)

The disciples of Jesus had experienced a new power as they went out on their mission thru the cities preaching and healing, and they returned to the Master blessed with joy. "Even the devils" they exclaimed, "are subject unto us." But the Master, ever seeking to supplant their low ideals with higher ones says, "Rejoice not that devils are subject unto you, but rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven."

As we stand at the door of the new year and it begins to move open before us we are eager to know what things may be before us. The past has brought blessings and we look at our increased possessions and widening circle of friends and influence and rejoice in these things, but the Master bids us pause.

The things which you see are not the whole of life. The ledger account before you is supplemented by the ledger account of your treasures in the kingdom and happy are you if there the balance be on the right side.

It is not necessary that we try to explain the symbol and try to imagine just how the record is kept. Whether angels write in a book or whether the record is simply the reaction upon character which comes from every thought and act, it matters not. It is enough to know that every thought and act bears its legitimate fruit and enter into the judgment of the life.

As we enter the new year it will be with resolves to carry out the plans we have made for life, but let not God be left out of those plans nor the claims of the kingdom in the budget we make out for the year. God is not mocked; the man see not nor remembers yet God knows our standing. His favor is better than silver or gold and his presence is fullness of joy beyond compare. Let the new year be a better one

us rosy and beautiful find us with upturned gaze and uplifted hands that our writing be not in the much of this world but in the book of life eternal.

SCRIPTURE HELP.

1. In life's career we may choose our own course. The hereditary tendencies and the influence of environment have their effect upon our choice but none of these are so strong but that if we choose to do God's will he will give us power to do it. Deut. 30: 15, 16; Rev. 22: 17; John 3: 16; Rom. 8: 1, 2; Gal. 5: 16, 17.
2. Every thought and act helps us toward our destiny. No energy is lost. Every force expended leaves results. Upon the statue of character every thought is as a chisel mark and the product at the end of life determines our place in the kingdom or out of it according as our deeds have been good or evil. Mal. 3: 16; Gal. 6: 7; 1 Cor. 3: 13, 14; Rev. 20: 12.
3. When the books are opened, that is when the evil of the flesh is laid aside and we stand forth as we are we shall receive reward according as our works shall be. Rev. 22: 12-15; Dan. 12: 2, 3; John 5: 28, 29.
4. Therefore since the time is short and we may not bring back a moment to change its record how solemnly we ought to enter upon each new hour that it may not rise up against us by and by with blanks of idleness or blots of sin. John 9: 4; Col. 4: 5; Eph. 5: 16.

FOR OPEN DISCUSSION.

1. What is it to have one's name "written in heaven?"
2. How is the record of our lives kept?
3. Can we change the record of our lives after it is once written?
4. How may we rectify the mistakes of the past year?
5. How may we keep our record clear during the year before us?
6. What are some things we ought to try to avoid during the coming year?
7. What are some things we ought to try to do this year?
8. Why should we make definite resolutions to do better?
9. What record will our society have as to its support of missions this year?
10. What would be a good policy for each one to adopt this year?

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The Christian Life

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC

Lesson: Psalm 1

I Results of Bad Company.

1. Brings shame to parents, Prov. 28: 7.
2. Produces poverty, Prov. 28: 19.
3. Makes backsliders, Matt. 24: 12.
4. Corrupts good manners, 1 Cor. 15: 33.
5. Destruction, Prov. 13: 20.

II What to do about it?

1. Quote these words to bad companions, Ps. 119: 115.
2. Don't seek evil company, Prov. 4: 14, 15.
3. Avoid them, Rom. 16: 17, 18.
4. Don't company with such, 1 Cor. 5: 6, 9-11.
5. Separate yourself from all such, 1 Cor. 6: 14.
6. Reprove them by words and life, Eph. 5: 11.
7. Withdraw from them, 1 Thess. 3: 6.
8. Take this as your motto, Ps. 84: 10.

III Remarks.

1. Bad company explains almost every ruined life.
2. Bad company undoes the blessed influence of good parents and good training.
3. Are you in company so you can take Jesus with you?
4. Are your children in the right sort of company?

The Mission Field

GENERAL

Chicago Mission

Well Thanksgiving day is past, and I must tell you about our mission "Thanksgiving service." We had set this day for opening our Missionary barrels. A good program had been prepared by Sister Gibbons, and others who ably assisted her, and when the evening came, our mission hall was crowded with children, and their parents and friends, who were interested in our work. The service could not have been better. And when the contents of the missionary barrels was counted, we found there was in them \$8.38, and the collection amounted to \$2.38, altogether \$10.76. That was pretty good was it not?

Already the cold winter has begun to reveal want, and many of the children of the poorer people, are in need of clothing. I have been asked if we could use such things profitably? Yes, we can use clothing for children from infants sizes to the children twelve or fourteen years of age. Do not send clothing that will not bear making over.

Christmas is near at hand, and what shall we have for our mission children? Many hungry little fellows will enjoy a Christmas dinner, if they can get it. Our friends have asked us what we could use for Christmas? Last year we distributed eatables that were sent in to such as we thought worthy, and it is needless to say those receiving were made happy. We wish to give them a dinner, especially to those who are not able to provide one for themselves. Anything sent us for that purpose, will be sacredly applied where in our judgement it will be appreciated, and be a blessing.

We call attention again to the Christmas Missionary Offering, which is to be on the Sunday just before Christmas. Great prosperity has come to our land the past year, and let us show our appreciation by a goodly offering for the Lord's work. Seven hundred dollars, is not a large sum for us to expect, and if all the churches will present the matter, the expectations of your Missionary Board will be readily met. Pray over it brethren, and give as the Lord has prospered you. May the Lord's blessings be upon all His people.

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Washington City Echoes

"CAREL," OR "DON'T CARES," WHICH?

Quite frequently we meet the excuse of the "cares of the world;" in God's word this is referred to repeatedly; well, it is bad enough, to be sure, but the "don't care" class, in my estimation, is worse, and even more numerous. It is an awful thing to belong to the class spoken of in Rev. 3: 1, but much better than to be on the same list with Amos 6: 1 and Rev. 3: 15-17.

Perhaps no one in the Brotherhood notices